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Weekly Black Sea Bass Quota Report (No. 02)

Black Sea Bass Landings (pounds) for Quarter I (Jan-Mar 2000).

State	Late Entries	Week Ending 15-JAN-00	Period Cumulative Total (to date)	2000 Quarter I Quota	Percent Landed
ME	0	0	0		
NH	0	0	0		
MA	0	0	0		
RI	87	1,507	3,237		
CT	183	3,443	3,976		
NY	337	424	1,235		
NJ	2,663	13,401	31,762		
DE	0	393	3,407		
MD	2,153	545	7,130		
VA	407	10,883	25,121		
NC	0	4,998	7,726		
TOTAL	5,830	35,594	83,594		

Notes:

This report includes black sea bass landings from the week ending January 1, 2000, therefore, some landings may be from the 1999 Quarter IV Quota Period. These landings will be separated into their respective quota periods at a later date, at which time the landings data for each quota period will be adjusted accordingly.

Proposed specifications for the 2000 Quarter I black sea bass Federal Quota have not been published as a final rule. When they are finalized, they will be included in this report.

If negative late entries are present on this report, they are the result of corrections made to the database.

For the week ending **15-JAN-00**, 211 dealers held a federal black sea bass permit. Of those 211 dealers, 148 (70%) have submitted a weekly quota report for the current reporting week. Because Massachusetts dealers submit weekly quota reports directly to the state, they were not included in these calculations.

These data are the best available to NMFS when this report was compiled. Data are supplied to NMFS by dealers and/or state agencies and may be preliminary. Data supplied by the State of Massachusetts are as of December 18, 1999.

The following summary is updated as information is received, and may not reflect recent state actions. Readers are urged to contact the appropriate state agency for further information.

State Information on Black Sea Bass (Year 2000 Quarter I Quota Period)

- This table is to be used for informational purposes only, and should not be relied on for state regulations. That information should be attained directly from the individual states.

State/ Commonwealth	Closure status	Trip/Possession Limits (pounds)	Other Provisions/ Pending Changes	State Contact
Maine				Kerry Lyons 207-633-9510
New Hampshire				603-868-1095
Massachusetts		1,000 lbs trip limit		Dave Pierce 617-727-3193
Rhode Island				Jenifer Temple 401-222-3075 401-789-3094
Connecticut		Effective 1/1/2000 the trip limit for black sea bass will be 9,000 lbs.		Colleen Giannini 860-434-6043
New York				John Mason 516-444-0453
New Jersey				Tom McCloy 609-292-2083
Delaware				Rick Cole 302-739-4782
Maryland				Harley Speir 410-260-8303
Virginia				Lewis Gillingham 757-247-2243
North Carolina				Fentress "Red" Munden, 919-726-7021